Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 914-13757-2610-181 | Date: 09/22/14 | Time: 0645 hours

Location: [redacted] East Avenue R, Unit [redacted] | City or Station: Palmdale

Bureau/Station/Facility: COPS Bureau | Admin. Investigation: ○ YES ◉ NO

Type of Force: Significant Force

Incident Category: ○ 1 ○ 2 ◉ 3 | Deputy Injury: ○ YES ◉ NO | Suspect Injury ◉ YES ○ NO

☐ Call ☐ Observation ☒ Detail | ☐ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit

IAB Notified: ◉ YES ○ NO | Person Notified: Lt. Todd Weber | Emp: [redacted] | IAB Roll Out ◉ YES ○ NO

Involved Employee

E1

Employee #: [redacted] | Last Name: [redacted] | First Name: [redacted] | Middle I.: | Rank: Deputy

Sex: ◉ M ○ F | Race: H | Height: [redacted] | Weight: [redacted] | Age: [redacted] | Shift: [redacted] EM [redacted] Day [redacted] PM | [redacted] Regular Shift [redacted] OT Shift [redacted] Off Duty

Unit of Assignment: [redacted] | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): [redacted]

Individual Force Used: Use of TASER | ○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○ 1 ○ 2 ◉ 3

☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: | Coroner Case #

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Employee #: | Last Name: | First Name: | Middle I.: | Rank:

Sex: ○ M ○ F | Race: | Height: | Weight: | Age: | Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ○ PM | ○ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty

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On Duty Supervisor

☒ Additional Involved Employees

Emp #: [redacted] | Last Name: [redacted] | First Name: [redacted] | Middle I.: | Rank: Sgt. | Present: YES ◉ NO ○ | Witness to Incident: YES ◉ NO ○

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp #: [redacted] | Last Name: Vigil | First Name: Louis | Middle I.: M. | Rank: Sgt. | Present: YES ○ NO ◉ | Witness to Incident: YES ○ NO ◉

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp #: [redacted] | Last Name: Gregg | First Name: Lawrence | Middle I.: R. | Rank: Lt.

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature:** | Date | Copy Provided to Employee by: | Emp #:

Jeffrey W. Perry, Captain

Unit Commander **(Print Name)** | Unit Commander's **Signature**: | Emp #: | Date

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☐ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Metcalf | First Name: John | Middle Name: Morgan | Armed? Select: Not Armed

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: (●) Male ( ) Female | Race: W | Age: 40 | Height: 6'2 | Weight: 190 | D.O.B.: 11/16/74 | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C [redacted] | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: [redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: 4103973 | Primary Charge Code: 11350(a) HS | Secondary Charge Code: 11364.1(a) HS | [redacted] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ( ) YES (●) NO | Name: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: Palmdale Reg. Med. | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Dr. Chamas | Address: 38600 Medical Ctr. Dr., Palmdale | Phone #: 661 382 5000

Under Influence: ( ) YES (●) NO | Substance: None | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES (●) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: 09/22/14 | Time: 1630 | ☒ Audiotape: | ☒ Videotape: | ☒ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ( ) YES ( ) NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

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Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

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Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

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Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

☐ Additional Suspects Involved

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted] EM [redacted] Day [redacted] PM	[redacted] Regular [redacted] OT [redacted] Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Phillips	James	

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
COPS Bureau	Parole Compliance Team	○ EM ● Day ○ PM	● Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Hobbs	Patrick	

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
COPS Bureau	Parole Compliance Team	○ EM ● Day ○ PM	● Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

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☐ **Additional Witness**

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Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Involved

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Metcalf	S1	[redacted]	E1	UC, HR	NN	
[redacted]	E1	Metcalf	S1	TR	FR	IN
[redacted]	E1	Metcalf	S1	TR	PW	SH
[redacted]	E1	Metcalf	S1	TR	PW	CH

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE
INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY
CATEGORY 3 FORCE
#FO2366095

UNIT: **COPS Bureau / Parole Compliance Team**

DATE/TIME: **September 22, 2014, 0645 hours, Monday**

LOCATION: [redacted] **East Avenue R, Unit #** [redacted] **Palmdale, CA. 93550**

URN#: **914-13757-2610-181**

NATURE OF INCIDENT:

An Internal Affairs Bureau team comprised of Lieutenant Todd Weber, Sergeants Louis Vigil and Julien Olivier, responded to Palmdale Station to conduct a force review following the use of a TASER during the arrest of Suspect John Metcalf. Suspect Metcalf was diagnosed with a fractured left rib after the arrest.

SUMMARY:

On September 22, 2014, members of the COPS Bureau, Parole Compliance Team One, responded to [redacted] East Avenue R, Unit # [redacted] in the city of Palmdale to apprehend and arrest Suspect John Metcalf. Suspect Metcalf had an AB109 Parolee Absconder warrant for his arrest and was one of three suspects included in the team's Operations Plan for this date. The team conducted a briefing prior to responding to the locations listed in the plan. The briefing included information pertaining to the suspects and locations listed in the plan. Members of the team were also given individual assignments and duties. **Refer to Exhibit "A," Operation Plan, dated 9/18/14.**

> **IAB Note:** The Parole Compliance Team One was lead by Sergeant [redacted] and included Deputies [redacted] James Philips,

Patrick Hobbs, Kristoff Ranaig, Bridgette Smith, Alfonso Bertieri and Los Angeles County Probation Officer [redacted] Deputies Raniag, Smith, Bertieri and Officer [redacted] did not witness the force involved in this incident. **Refer to Exhibit "C," pages 12, 13, and 14.**

Suspect Metcalf was on probation due to an arrest for robbery and had an outstanding felony no bail warrant for 3455(B) PC under Warrant Number REV4PR0576901, issued on September 2, 2014. On September 10, 2014, Suspect Metcalf ran from the Parole Compliance Team when they attempted to arrest him. **Refer to Exhibit "B," Warrant #REV4PR0576901**.

When the team arrived at Suspect Metcalf's residence, Deputy Phillips knocked on the front door and announced "Sheriff's Department, Parole search." As the announcement was made, Deputy Hobbs saw an adult male look out the front northwest window and immediately heard the sound of someone running towards the rear of the residence.

IAB Note: The location is a single mobile home trailer.

Deputy Phillips began to force the front door open, using a ram. The door opened, but was blocked from the inside with furniture that was placed prior to this incident.

Sergeant [redacted], Deputies [redacted] Hobbs, and Phillips repositioned themselves on the west side door of the location as the other team members remained at their containment positions.

While they stood at the west side door, they heard female voices. The females opened the side door and exited. They told the deputies that Suspect Metcalf was alone in the location and had ran towards the rear bedroom when they knocked at the front door.

IAB Note: The occupants [redacted], [redacted], [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] all exited the residence prior to use of force incident. They were interviewed at the scene and said they did not witness the force used on Suspect Metcalf. **Refer to Exhibit "E," Compact Disc #2.**

Deputy Phillips made several announcements ordering Suspect Metcalf to step out of the house. Suspect Metcalf refused to comply.

Sergeant [redacted], Deputies [redacted] Hobbs, and Phillips made a tactical entry into the location. They cleared the living room, kitchen and front bedroom/living room. Prior to entering the hallway leading to the rear bedrooms, Deputy Phillips again made several announcements for Suspect Metcalf to step out with his hands up. Suspect

Metcalf did not comply and the deputies made their approach down the hallway.

Sergeant [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] entered the south east bedroom, as Deputy Phillips and Hobbs provided cover towards the south end of the hallway.

The southeast bedroom that Sergeant [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] entered was dark, and full of furniture and items. As Deputy [redacted] looked towards the bedroom closet, he saw the curtain move and immediately, Suspect Metcalf jumped out and tried to run out of the room. Deputy [redacted] ordered Suspect Metcalf to stop but he refused. Deputy [redacted] activated his TASER at Suspect Metcalf. Suspect Metcalf fell into the doorway, partially in the room and hallway floor. When the TASER completed the five-second cycle, Suspect Metcalf attempted to crawl away. Deputy [redacted] activated the TASER again as Deputy Phillips ordered Suspect Metcalf to stop moving and stop kicking. Deputy Phillips handcuffed Suspect Metcalf without further incident.

IAB Note: Deputy [redacted] authored an Incident Report detailing the arrest of Suspect Metcalf and his use of force. Sergeant [redacted], Deputies Phillips and Hobbs authored a Supplemental Report detailing the force they witnessed. The remaining members of the team, that did not witness the use of force, authored supplemental reports indicating their exterior containment positions. **Refer to Exhibit "C," Incident and Supplemental Reports, #914-13757-2610-181.**

The following review is based on written documentation and interviews of witnesses and involved deputies.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL:

[redacted] – Deputy, # [redacted]

Date of Employment: [redacted]
Date Assigned to Unit: [redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s): [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]

INVOLVED SUSPECT:

Metcalf, John Morgan

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	11/16/74
Height:	6'02

Weight: 185
Booking# 4103973
Charges: 11350(a) HS, 22610(A) PC, 11364.1(a) HS, 3455(b)(1) PC

The Consolidated Criminal History System revealed Suspect Metcalf has been arrested on several occasions. [redacted]

IAB NOTE: Suspect Metcalf's Criminal History Report is included in this casebook. **Refer to Exhibit "D."**

DEPARMENT WITNESSES:

[redacted], #[redacted] [redacted]
James Phillips, #[redacted], Deputy
Patrick Hobbs, #[redacted] Deputy

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS:

Deputy [redacted]

On June 16, 2015, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Louis Vigil and Kevin Pearcy interviewed Deputy [redacted]. The interview was conducted in the Internal Affairs Bureau building and was digitally audio recorded.

Deputy [redacted] authored an incident report, documenting the event and his actions. He said his report is a truthful and accurate account of the incident. **Refer to Exhibit "C," page 1.**

Deputy [redacted] has been a member of the Parole Compliance Team since 2013. On September 22, 2014, his team participated in a briefing where the mission and locations where discussed. Deputy [redacted] and his team then responded to [redacted] East Avenue R, Unit [redacted], to arrest Suspect John Metcalf. Suspect Metcalf was wanted on a "Parolee at Large" warrant and had run from law enforcement a couple of weeks prior during a similar operation.

Deputy [redacted] said the team approached the front of the location as they trained, in a tactical manner. "Knock and Notice" announcements were made and he heard what sounded like people running. At that point the situation became emergent and he believed Suspect Metcalf would discard contraband or run out the back door, so they attempted to breach the front door. As they attempted to breach the front door, they

realized the door was blocked with furniture and items, and they could not enter. They repositioned themselves at the side door.

Deputy [redacted] said as they arrived at the side door, two females opened the side door and exited. The females told them, "Yeah we heard you guys and he ran towards the back." Deputy [redacted] said announcements were made for the suspect to exit the location. The suspect did not exit, and they entered the location.

Deputy [redacted] said they entered the location in a tactical manner, as they trained. Deputy [redacted] saw the interior was cluttered and dark. Prior to entering the rear hallway, announcements were made again for the suspect to exit. Suspect Metcalf did not comply, and the team continued their approach to the rear of the residence. Deputy Hobbs and Phillips were covering the hallway as he and Sergeant [redacted] entered the east bedroom.

Deputy [redacted] said as he was in the east bedroom, he saw that it was cluttered and dark. As he looked into the closet, he saw Suspect Metcalf almost in a fetal position, trying to hide and covering his face with both hands. Deputy [redacted] put his hand gun away, grabbed his TASER and said, "Hey let me see your hands." Suspect Metcalf got up and ran out of the closet. As Suspect Metcalf ran, Deputy [redacted] yelled, "Hey, stop." Deputy [redacted] activated his TASER at Suspect Metcalf, striking him on his right side and back. Suspect Metcalf immediately fell to the ground but continued kicking or trying to get back up. Deputy [redacted] continued to activate his TASER as they ordered the suspect to stop moving and stop kicking. Deputy [redacted] believes he activated the TASER for two complete cycles, and stopped as soon as Suspect Metcalf was handcuffed.

> **IAB Note:** The TASER download data form for TASER # X00-639106 was shown to Deputy [redacted]. It indicates four activations during the time of the incident, 06:50:36 (3 sec. duration), 06:50:44 (5 sec. duration), 06:50:51 (5 sec. duration) and 06: 51:10 (2 sec. duration). **Refer to Exhibit "G."**

Deputy [redacted] believed Suspect Metcalf may of hit the hit door with his (Suspect Metcalf) left side as he fell to the ground.

Deputy [redacted] said no other force was used on Suspect Metcalf after he was handcuffed. After Suspect Metcalf was handcuff his demeanor was cooperative.

The photographs used during this interview are included with Deputy [redacted] transcripts.

For his complete statement, refer to Deputy [redacted]s interview transcript included in this casebook.

SUSPECT INTERVIEW:

On September 22, 2014, at 0847 hours, Lieutenant Larry Gregg, Palmdale Station Watch Commander, interviewed Suspect John Metcalf at Palmdale Regional Medical Center. The interview was video recorded. Transcripts of this interview are included in this casebook. **Refer to Exhibit "E," video of interview.**

Suspect Metcalf said he was hiding in the closet and heard the deputies telling him to come out. He believed the deputies were not able to see him, so he thought he could get away. He said he was TASED when he exited the closet.

Suspect Metcalf said his only injuries were tenderness to his ribs and the TASER hooks that embedded to his body. He had an old wound on his right arm that he said was self-inflicted after hearing the news that his [redacted] passed away, prior to this incident.

On September 22, 2014, at approximately 1630 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Louis Vigil and Julien Olivier interviewed Suspect Metcalf. This interview was conducted at Palmdale Station jail and was digitally audio recorded.

Suspect Metcalf said deputies went to his residence earlier in the day, looking for him. When he heard the deputies outside, he hid and the closet. As the deputies entered the residence, they found him in the closet and he complied with their orders to step out. He stepped out of the closet with his hands up and was immediately TASED. As he laid on the ground, he felt the deputies kicking him in the left rib area as he was TASED three or four times. Suspect Metcalf said all six deputies were kicking him as he lay on the ground. He was kicked four or five times before he was handcuffed. After being handcuffed, he was placed in the back seat of a patrol car.

Suspect Metcalf later in the interview said deputies kicked him on both sides of his ribs, after he was handcuffed. He said he was cooperative and did not resist.

Suspect Metcalf indicated the laceration on his right wrist and elbow occurred two days prior this incident. He said he punched through glass after hearing his [redacted] passed away.

Suspect Metcalf said he used methamphetamine three days prior to this incident.

For his complete statement, refer to Suspect Metcalf's interview transcript included in this casebook.

DEPARTMENT WITNESS STATEMENTS:

Sergeant [redacted]

On June 16, 2015, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Louis Vigil and Kevin Pearcy interviewed Sergeant [redacted]. The interview was conducted in the Internal Affairs Bureau building and was digitally audio recorded.

Sergeant [redacted] authored a supplemental report, documenting the event and his actions. He said his report is a truthful and accurate account of the incident. **Refer to Exhibit "C," page 10.**

Sergeant [redacted] has been a member of the Parole Compliance Team since August of 2012. On September 22, 2014, his team participated in a briefing where the mission and locations where discussed. Sergeant [redacted] said he was the only sergeant present at this operation. Sergeant [redacted] and his team then responded to [redacted] East Avenue R, Unit [redacted], to arrest Suspect John Metcalf. Suspect Metcalf was wanted on a "Parolee at Large" warrant and had run from law enforcement several weeks prior during a similar operation.

Sergeant [redacted] said the team approached the front of the location as they trained, in a tactical manner. Deputy Phillips knocked on the front door and announced, "Sheriff's Department, open the door, parole search." Almost immediately, a male they identified as Suspect Metcalf pulled the curtains and looked out the window. They then heard what sounded like Suspect Metcalf running through the trailer. Sergeant [redacted] ordered the team to force the front door open. As they attempted to breach the front door, they realized the door was blocked with furniture and items, and they could not enter. Sergeant [redacted] called out for the team to respond to secondary entry area, which was the side door by the carport.

Sergeant [redacted] said as they positioned themselves at the side door, [redacted] members started coming out of the residence. As they were dealing with the occupants, one of the females told him Suspect Metcalf was inside.

Sergeant [redacted] said they made numerous announcements ordering the suspect to exit. After a few minutes, the entry team entered the residence in a tactical manner as they train. They entered slowly and cleared rooms methodically. Sergeant [redacted] described the interior of the residence as cluttered and dark. He noticed a small dog running around, and the windows were covered.

Sergeant [redacted] said prior to entering the rear hallway, Deputy Phillips made announcements ordering Suspect Metcalf to exit. Suspect Metcalf did not answer or comply. The team continued to search the rooms connected to the hallway.

Sergeant [redacted] entered the east bed room first, and Deputy [redacted] followed behind him. The room was dark and cluttered with items on the floor like a bicycle, television and a fan. As Sergeant [redacted] was scanning the room with his flashlight attached to his weapon, he heard movement behind him and Deputy [redacted] say, "Stop stop let me see your hands." As Sergeant [redacted] turned, he saw Suspect Metcalf running out of the closet, going past Deputy [redacted] and then he heard the TASER being activated twice. Sergeant [redacted] saw Suspect Metcalf fall onto the floor, between the room they were in and the hallway. He described Suspect Metcalf's fall as hard, and colliding with the doorway and dresser. Sergeant [redacted] heard one of his team members yell, "Stop kicking," and the TASER being activated again, then one of the deputies handcuffed Suspect Metcalf.

Sergeant [redacted] said no other force was used on Suspect Metcalf after he was handcuffed. After Suspect Metcalf was handcuffed his demeanor was cooperative.

Sergeant [redacted] did not see any injuries on Suspect Metcalf other than the TASER darts. Suspect Metcalf only had a complaint of pain to his shoulder.

> **IAB Note:** Sergeant [redacted] was handling the use of force report regarding this incident. During the medical clearance for booking, he was notified Suspect Metcalf had a fractured rib. An Internal Affairs Bureau Mandatory Notification was then made.

Sergeant [redacted] said Suspect Metcalf never made any allegation of force or that Department personnel kicked him during his arrest.

> **IAB Note:** Sergeant [redacted] interviewed Suspect Metcalf on video regarding the pre-search. Suspect Metcalf was cooperative and did not allege any use of force. **Refer to Exhibit "E," Compact Disc #3.**

The photographs used during this interview are included with Sergeant [redacted] transcripts.

For his complete statement, refer to Sergeant [redacted] interview transcript included in this casebook.

Deputy Patrick Hobbs

On June 16, 2015, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Louis Vigil and Kevin Pearcy interviewed Deputy Patrick Hobbs. The interview was conducted in the Internal Affairs Bureau building and was digitally audio recorded.

Deputy Hobbs authored a supplemental report, documenting the event and his actions.

He said his report is a truthful and accurate account of the incident. **Refer to Exhibit "C," page 9.**

Deputy Hobbs has been a member of the Parole Compliance Team since October of 2011. On September 22, 2014, his team participated in a briefing where the mission and locations where discussed. Deputy Hobbs and his team then responded to [redacted] East Avenue R, Unit [redacted] to arrest Suspect John Metcalf. Suspect Metcalf was wanted on a "Parolee at Large" warrant and had ran from law enforcement on a prior occasion during a similar operation.

Deputy Hobbs said the team approached the front door and made the standard knock and notice. As they attempted to breach the front door, they realized the door was blocked with furniture and items, and they could not enter. The team then responded to the side door by the carport. After family members exited the residence, announcements were made. Deputy Hobbs and the team then entered the residence.

Deputy Hobbs said the interior of the residence was dark as they entered in a tactical manner. As the team was clearing the rear of the residence, Deputy Hobbs was standing in the hallway past the east bedroom (room Deputy [redacted] and Sergeant [redacted] entered). Deputy Hobbs heard "rustling noises," a TASER being deployed and somebody say, "Stop Kicking." He then heard the ratcheting sound of the handcuffs.

Deputy Hobbs said he never turned around, and stayed focused on the un-cleared rear room.

Deputy Hobbs said no other force was used on Suspect Metcalf after he was handcuffed.

Deputy Hobbs did not see any injuries on Suspect Metcalf.

The photographs used during this interview are included with Deputy Hobbs' transcripts.

For his complete statement, refer to Deputy Hobbs' interview transcript included in this casebook.

Deputy James Phillips

On June 24, 2015, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants Louis Vigil and Todd Knight interviewed Deputy James Phillips. The interview was conducted at the Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station and was digitally audio recorded.

Deputy Phillips authored a supplemental report, documenting the event and his actions. He said his report is a truthful and accurate account of the incident. **Refer to Exhibit "C," page 8.**

Deputy Phillips has been a member of the Parole Compliance Team since November of 2010. On September 22, 2014, his team participated in a briefing where the mission and locations where discussed. Deputy Phillips and his team then responded to [redacted] East Avenue R, Unit [redacted] to arrest Suspect John Metcalf. Suspect Metcalf was wanted on a "Parolee at Large" warrant and had run from law enforcement on a prior occasion.

Deputy Phillips said the team approached the front of the location as they trained, in a tactical manner. Deputy Phillips knocked on the front door and announced, "Sheriff's Department, parole search." Deputy Phillips heard Deputy Smith say the suspect just peeked through the front window and heard running inside towards the rear of the location.

Deputy Phillips and the team positioned themselves at the side door and ordered Suspect Metcalf to exit. As they stood at the side door, two females had exited. One of the females said Suspect Metcalf had ran to back of the location. They were also told their disabled [redacted] was in the living room.

Deputy Phillips said they made announcements ordering Suspect Metcalf to exit, then made entry into the location. Deputy Phillips said they entered in tactical manner, clearing rooms systematically. They found the "[redacted]" in the living room, so they stopped and held the rear hallway. Once they assisted the elderly male out, they made more announcements for Suspect Metcalf to surrender.

Deputy Phillips said the interior of the location was dark and cluttered with makeshift beds.

Deputy Phillips and the team proceeded clearing the rooms down the hallway. As Deputy [redacted] and Sergeant [redacted] entered the east bedroom, Deputy Hobbs covered the rear bedroom as he (Deputy Phillips) stood in the hallway.

Deputy Phillips said he heard a commotion coming from the room Deputy [redacted] and Sergeant [redacted] had entered. Someone yelled, "Hey stop," and a TASER was activated. Deputy Phillips then saw Suspect Metcalf fall out of the bedroom, onto the hallway floor. Deputy Phillips heard someone yell, "Stop," as he attempted to handcuff Suspect Metcalf. He noted the TASER had stopped at this point, but Suspect Metcalf started to kick at Deputy [redacted] and attempt to crawl out the room. He then heard someone yell, "Stop kicking," and the TASER activated again."

Deputy Phillip said he told Suspect Metcalf to stop kicking and place his hands behind his back. Suspect Metcalf was then handcuffed without further incident.

Deputy Phillips said no other force was used on Suspect Metcalf after he was handcuffed.

Deputy Phillips did not see any injuries on Suspect Metcalf nor did he make any allegation of force to him.

The photographs used during this interview are included with Deputy Phillips' transcripts.

For his complete statement, refer to Deputy Phillips interview transcript included in this casebook.

SUSPECT INJURIES:

Suspect Metcalf was transported to Palmdale Regional Medical Center (38600 Medical Center Drive, Palmdale, 661-382-500). Suspect Metcalf was examined and treated by Emergency Room Staff, Doctor Kevin Chamas. Suspect Metcalf was treated for a fractured left (tenth) rib, and TASER dart punctures (right deltoid and upper lateral chest area). After receiving treatment, Suspect Metcalf was approved for booking (Ok to book).

IAB Note: Suspect Metcalf had old scabbed abrasions to the top of his head, upper lip and left knee.

On September 22, 2014, Sergeant Louis Vigil, Internal Affairs Bureau, described the use of force to Doctor Chamas. Doctor Chamas said the injuries sustained by Suspect Metcalf were consistent with being TASED and falling. Doctor Chamas said Suspect Metcalf never mentioned any other injuries or alleged being assaulted by deputies during the arrest.

IAB Note: Photographs and medical treatment documentation are included in this casebook. **Refer to Exhibit "F," page 21 and Exhibit "E," Compact Disc #7.**

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES:

No injuries to Deputy Personnel.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

Photos of the scene were taken after the incident and included in this case casebook. **Refer to Exhibit "E," Compact Disc #7.**

IAB Note: On September 22, 2014, Sergeant Vigil checked the area and saw that no security closed circuit television systems captured the incident.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONEL:

Deputy [redacted] utilized a TASER.

I.A.B. Note: The TASER download of firing data report is included in this case book. **Refer to Exhibit "G."**

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION/CHARGES FILED

Investigators Names: Detective Dennis Miller
Court: Michael Antonovich Antelope Valley Court
Case: 4AV05354

Charges Filed: 148(a)(1)PC and 11364.1(a)(1) HS,
Date Filed: 9/24/14
Status: On going

WEATHER AND LIGHTINING CONDITIONS:

The incident occurred inside a dark mobile home (residential) trailer.